

No Annual Report
for 96-97

To: Jean
From: Rose
Date: August 11, 1997
Re: RBML 1996-97 Statistics for Annual Report

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73 purchased

24 gifts

60 other

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GROWING COLLECTIONS (November, 1996)

Aglion gift: Raoul Aglion now lives in California but in 1944 he was a member of the Free French Delegation in New York. Most of the archival material relating to the attempts of the Delegation to forward the Free French cause in New York was lost when a ship carrying the archives back to France was sunk in the south Atlantic, but Mr. Aglion retained copies of many reports, letters, and correspondence which he has now given to the Library. Two principle files include letters from residents of Canada, the Philippines and South America to Garreau-Dombasle, delegate of Free France in 1940-41, and a complicated correspondence with stamp dealers who, according to Aglion, helped to generate income for the New York delegation. There are also some notes alluding to support from the Jewish Agency and its friends, who had to keep their involvement secret lest the Vichy regime use their help to discredit the work of the delegation. The gift was obtained with the assistance of Professor Robert Paxton.

Boughton gift: Audrey Boughten gave to the Columbia Libraries a group of books, many of them inscribed, that had belonged to her uncle, a French literary gastronome who frequently entertained French literary figures. Many of the volumes have inscriptions and insertions, among them a manuscript poem by Andre Maurois, included in his translation of *Sonnets from the Portuguese*.

Bruno gift: A portfolio of lithographs by Paul Wunderlich, *The Song of Songs Which Is Solomon's*, ~~which was~~ donated to Columbia in 1982 by Phillip Bruno (BA '51), was transferred from the Art Properties division of the University to the Rare Book and Manuscript Library, where it joins other artist's books and prints in the collection and is readily accessible for research and study.

Chang gift: One of the most exciting events of the year occurred on October 21, when a new Reading Room, dedicated to Peter H.L. and Edith S. Chang and supported with funds from them, opened in the Rare Book and Manuscript Room. Designed by Byron Bell, the architect of the existing Library and constructed in space that had until now been a dark and nearly unusable storage area, the Peter H.L. and Edith S. Chang Reading Room includes up-to-date audio visual facilities, which will enable us to project archival film and listen to audio tapes, and has an adjoining small exhibition area as well as a new well-lit processing space. Even more exciting than the new space, however, has been the continuing donation of the papers of Marshal Chang, one of the most important figures in Chinese history in the twentieth century. The Marshal, following the assassination of his father, Marshal Chang Tso-lin in 1927, became governor of Manchuria, then Commander of the Northeastern Army. His public career reached its zenith with the arrest of Chiang Kai-shek in 1936, the famous "Sian Incident." After freeing the Generalissimo, Chang himself was seized and spent over fifty years in custody on the mainland and in Taiwan. Marshal Chang's papers will reside at Columbia where they will be cataloged and processed. They will be open for research in 2002.

Cornell gift: Patricia Plummer Cornell made a gift to the Library of a bound volume of issues of the New York newspaper, *The Weekly Museum*, 1795-96. The gift was made in honor of her father, Charles Arnold Plummer, who had worked on *The New York Times* in the 1940s.

Dallal gift: Salim Dallal (BA'62, MBA'63) donated to the Library a bound volume of despatches from the Franco-Prussian war, 1870-1871. The 191 Kriegs-Depechen emanate

from Berlin and later from Versailles; they bear the Prussian coat of arms. Those dated February 27 and March 3, 1871 are embellished with the laurel wreath of victory.

Dalton gift: Jack Dalton, former Dean of the Columbia University School of Library Service, whose papers were donated in 1970 and 1979, has sent additional papers documenting his entire career, which includes service as a library consultant for the Southeast States Cooperative Library Survey, the Library Development Center and H.W. Wilson Company, as well as teaching at the Columbia Library School and the University of Virginia.

Daniel Kelly Trust gift: A gift of historical maps was received from the Daniel J. Kelly Trust. Among the ten maps were De L'Isle's *Carte de La Louisiane et du cours du Mississippi* (London, 1730), *Americae Sive Novi Orbis, Nova Description* (Basle, 1590) by Sebastian Munster, and a very good copy of John Speed's *A Map of New England and New York* (London, 1676). Other map makers included T.C. Lotter, William Blaeu, and Emanuel Bowen.

Dreyfuss gift: Hugo Dreyfuss, on behalf of the Dreyfuss-Glicenstein Foundation, generously presented to the Rare Book and Manuscript Library, an oil portrait on board of the twentieth-century Polish novelist Joseph Wittlin. Wittlin was the subject of a conference held at Columbia in September, 1996 and his portrait was featured in an exhibition organized in the Library in conjunction with that conference entitled *Letters from Exile: Polish Writers and Scholars*.

Elizabeth Kane bequest: A great treasure was added to the Library this fall when a large oil portrait on canvas of the English poet and statesman Sir Philip Sidney (1554-1586) was received by bequest from the late Elizabeth Kane. The portrait, painted by an unidentified contemporary, shows a young, handsome, and somewhat amused Sidney, dressed in black, with his hand on his sword. It will hang in the Donors Room, where Sidney will join his fellow authors Dickens, Alexander Pope, Walter Scott, and Lady Mary Wortley Montagu.

Hopkins gift: Frances L. Hopkins of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, presented to the Library a group of papers relating to the Dawson case against John Jay, Jr. in the nineteenth century. These papers are a further enrichment of the large Jay family papers collection held at Columbia.

Jane Howard gift: The late Jane Howard, just before her death from cancer early this fall, added to her papers already in the Library research file and manuscript drafts for her books *Please Touch*, *A Different Woman*, *Families*, and *Margaret Mead*. She also donated manuscripts and notes for the series of profiles in *Lears Magazine* entitled "Women for Lears."

League of Women Voters of the City of New York gift: Marjorie Kelleher Shea delivered to the Rare Book and Manuscript Library important historical materials donated by the League of Women Voters of the City of New York to add to their collection. Include among them was a letter from President Woodrow Wilson to Mary Garrett Hay, Chairman, NYC Woman Suffrage Party, dated November 8, 1917, rejoicing in the passage of the woman suffrage amendment in New York State; a letter from President Herbert Hoover to Carrie Chapman Catt from April 13, 1932; and a note to the League from Franklin Delano Roosevelt, regretting his inability to attend a memorial service for Katrina Ely Tiffany in 1927. A further donation

comprised files of clippings and photographs, including some memorable pictures of suffrage parades and rallies in New York City and elsewhere in the state.

Mandel gift: A gift of Masonic manuscripts in German and Russian from the 18th and 19th centuries was presented to the Library by Lena Mandel. Mrs. Mandel also donated a diary and a collection of books once belonging to the Russian philosopher Vladimir Shmakov. Shmakov visited the United States in the 1890s and recorded in his diary his observations on American public figures.

Lorentz gift: An important addition was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Lorentz to the papers of her late husband, the documentary film maker Pare Lorentz. This latest gift of ten boxes of files is particularly interesting in that it documents Lorentz's activities during World War II, working with the Motion Picture Section of the Overseas Technical Unit, Air Transport Command. Also included are 60 still photographs of dams, created for the Tennessee Valley Authority, and files relating to the creation of the U.S. Film Service.

Maurino gift: In March 1996, Manuel Maurino donated a group of materials to the Joseph Urban collection that had originally belonged to Mary Urban, the widow of the architect and theatrical designer whose papers are at Columbia. The papers, which had been found in the basement of Mr. Maurino's home, once the Urban residence, include photographs, letters from Joseph Urban to Mary, telegrams from Flo Ziegfeld to Urban, financial records and records from Joseph Urban's estate. Also included were a typed biography of Joseph Urban that had reportedly been lost when the Andrea Doria sank off the coast of Massachusetts. The Urban collection, one of Columbia's most impressive resources for the study of theater and film, is currently being rehoused and cataloged, thanks to a 1995 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Schapiro gift: The Estate of Meyer Schapiro (BA'24, MA'26, PhD'35) gave to the Rare Book and Manuscript Library four early modern printed books from Professor Schapiro's library: *Di Herone Alessandrino de Gli Automati, onero Machine se Moventi*, Libri due, Tradotti dal Greco da Bernardino Baldi, Abbate di Guastalla (Venice, 1601); M. Vitruvius Pollionis. *De Architectura*, Libri Decem ad Caesarem Augustum, omnibus omnium editionibus longe emendatiores, collatis veteribus exemplis. (Lugduni, 1552); *Sibyllina Oracula*, ex uett codd aucta renouata, et notis illustrata a D. Johanne Opsopaeo Brettano. Cum interpretatione Latina Sebastiani Castalionis et Indice (Paris, 1599); and Ammianus Marcellini, *Rerum Gestarum*, cum notis integris Henrico et Hadrianoque Valesiis and Frederico Lindenbrogio, Jac. Gronovii (Lugduni Batavorum, 1693).

Somerville gift: Mrs. John Somerville donated files and manuscript materials produced by her husband, the late Professor John Somerville (BA'26, MA'29, PhD'38).

Thompson gift: Susan Thompson (DLS '75), long a faculty member of the School of Library Service at Columbia donated to the Rare Book and Manuscript Library her professional papers. Dr. Thompson's papers pertain to a variety of topics relating to the history of libraries, books, and library science in the twentieth century and promise to be a rich source for scholarship.

Webb gift: Margaret Webb gave to the library three interesting books, *The Life of William Wykeham* (London, 1758), *The Black Book of Carmarthen* (Pwllheli, 1906) and the first book

of a new press in the Orkney Islands, Bellavista Publications of Kirkwall, Orkney, *Scapa Flow in Peace and War* by W.S. Hewison.

Weil gifts: James Weil has been engaged for some years now in publishing the poetry of William Bronk and of John Keats. This year, donations from his press have included, among others, Bronk's *Missing Persons*, and three works by Keats: *The Nile*, *The Grasshopper and the Cricket*, and *The Laurel Crown*.

Yefimov gift: Igor Yefimov, of Tenafly, New Jersey, added materials to the Hermitage Publishers papers now in the Bakhmeteff Archive, further strengthening both that archive and the remarkable collection of publishing papers and archives in the Library.

Purchases: Funds from Rare Book and Manuscript Library endowments enabled the Library to purchase a number of interesting books and several significant collections of manuscripts this year, including the George Economou-Rochelle Owens papers, the Vera Blackwell-Vaclev Havel collection, and the archives of Group Research, Inc., an organization that for over thirty years collected materials relating to the activities of ultra-conservative political groups in the United States.

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(Rudolph)

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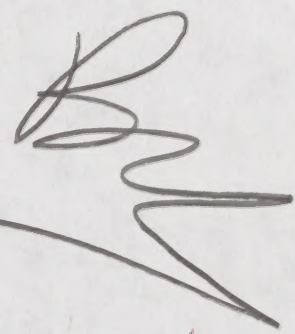
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____ circulation statistics (General circulation charges + renewals)
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(Jane)

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Special Projects

mounting images on web
finding aids
lectures
exhibitions

RBML

1996/1997 Ms Items Processed

	<u>Ms Dept</u>	<u>BAR</u>	<u>Lehman</u>	
July	10			
Aug	1			
Sept	123		100	
Oct	5	1	100	
Nov	35			
Dec	8			
Jan	30			1997
Feb	157			
March	90			
April	57			
May	0			
June	320			

^{SUB} TOTAL	736	11	200
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TOTAL	937 items
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Please note that there are a number of on-going processing projects such as T. Williams, M Lasker, H. Salisbury etc which will not be counted until projects are completed

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8/13/97